

GIANTS CONTINUE THEIR FLAG-WINNING PACE IN NATIONAL RACE

SENATORS' ROOKIE PITCHER EXTENDS YANKS' BATSMEN

Lamotte's Wild Heave Costs Tom Phillips a Victory in Game Here.

By Bozeman Bulger.

SAD young man is Mr. Lamotte, of Washington, today.

In the very first ten minutes of a chilly affair that almost turned into a historic ball game this young man picked up an easy bowler from the bat of McMillan, the new Yank.

There were two out. Chick Fewster, who had just smacked a two-bagger, trotted toward third as a matter of form—and to pick up his glove for the next inning. The scorer was in the act of hanging up the figure "0" on the board.

Then Lamotte let something slip. With a wild heave he sailed the pill far over Judge's head at first. Fewster kept right on trotting and scored. The scoreboard boy hurriedly hid the "0."

But for that one slip the pitching duel between the Rookie and the Vet might have been going merrily on to this minute.

For the rest of the afternoon there was not a move that even suggested the possibility of a run. And this, mind you, gent, is the second week of the season. Scores of 1 to 0 are not due until well in July.

I met Miller Huggins in the exit gate.

"Say," he grinned, "if old Bob can pitch that way on a cold day—well, I guess that's a bad outlook for the summer, eh?"

The whole Yank club was chuckling over the return of the old master to form after a year of tinkering and hammering at a bad arm. They think his ability to take his regular turn in the box means another pennant.

Downtown a gang of us ran into Clark Griffith. He was chuckling, too. All of you, I reckon, have seen that old fox grin of his.

"Yea," he smiled, when told of what Hug had said, "and I reckon if we got a young shavetail who can make old Bob pitch like that to win—well, I guess we had a bad winter to pick 'em, eh?"

This has been a season of finds for the scouts, but even with the unearthing of the McMillans and the Shimmers and the Andy Higgins and the DeBerrys, it begins to look as if Clark Griffith had scraped deep and come up with the Kohinoor—a new pitching ace.

Any bird, young or old, who can

make the murderous hitting Yanks out of his hand for nine innings is some punkin. Mr. Tom Phillips, fresh from New Orleans, is just that. And he has yet to cast his first vote for President.

Shawkey, the veteran of many such duels, is hardened to that sort of thing, and was expected to play his cards careful. But this young Mr. Phillips saw the Polo Grounds for the first time two days ago. He pitched his first major league game at Washington last week. The fact that he was selected to block the Champs in their last jump for first place didn't even ruffle his hair.

This youngster was just as cool inwardly as the crowd was outwardly. In no inning did he give the Yanks more than one hit—altogether they nicked him for five. In all that time he did not give a base on balls; did not make one misplay. But for that terrible error by Lamotte, the Champs would have taken a clear coat of whitewash.

Just put a pin in the name of Phillips and watch him this summer. Pitchers like that don't bob up every year.

Now that they have fought their way up to the top the Yanks are ready to take up the slack. For the next two games with Washington they have Joe Bush and Carl Mays—maybe Waite Hoyt, if he's needed. With Bob Shawkey back in top form, the Champs have about as near a perfectly proportioned pitching staff as could be devised. It works fore and aft, and both ways from the middle. Look—Jones, Shawkey, Bush, Mays, Hoyt.

Start from either end or from the middle, and you'll see that strength piles up as you go. When the last kink was rubbed from Shawkey's arm the combination was complete. It means that the Yanks can go right ahead under a full head of steam, with or without Babe Ruth or Meusel.

Another cog that has shaped up the Yank machine—has made it roll smoothly—is Whitey Witt. The new outfielder got in harness yesterday. In addition to nice fielding, he poled one of the five lonely hits.

Many New York fans appear to have had an idea that Witt was sold by Connie Mack because of a suspected lack of ability. No, not at all. He and Connie could not get chummy over the salary question, and Witt was unhappy over having to play with the Athletics under those conditions. That's why he's here. Whitey Witt is for the same reason that Dugan is with the Red Sox.

Giants' "Inside Baseball" More Than Offsets Pitching

Dutch Reuther Displays Wonderful Form but World's Champions Field and Bat Brilliantly.

By Robert Boyd.

THE wonderful display of "inside ball" given by the New York Giants in the second game of the series with the Dodgers offsets the effective pitching of Dutch Reuther.

Pitching may constitute 70 per cent. of the defensive strength of a ball club, but it did not prove so yesterday. It was pitiful to see the former Cincinnati southpaw lose his game after the way he held the slugging team of New York hitters in check throughout.

With Jesse Barnes' inferior pitching and the Dodgers outgunning the world's champions, it was a case of the Giants' manager outgeneraling Wilbert Robinson from the bench. McGraw kept constantly working runs across through the hit and run system that he has perhaps perfected better than any other manager in either major league.

The way that the Giants are going to-day it looks as if they might make a runaway race of the National League. When they can smother the pitching against them as they did Reuther's yesterday, as compared to the work Barnes did, the St. Louis "cloutier circus," led by Branch Rickey, may be astonished in finding their masters in the New York Club when they clash in St. Louis in a few weeks.

As great a slugging team as Rickey has, he will have a difficult time offsetting the inside team play led by McGraw.

In the National League during the early part of the playing season of 1921, George Gibson had his Pittsburgh Corsairs playing "inside baseball" and they led the league handily. Then came the crucial series with the Giants in which the untold rookies and the worn-out veteran collapsed and the whole Pirate crew cracked, lost all their "inside baseball" and the 1921 National League pennant. Had they been able to match their brains with McGraw's baseball genius they might have opposed the Yankees in the World's Series instead of the Giants.

Just as McGraw made his "inside baseball" count last year, he has started out another season in which

it appears as if he will land another pennant, despite his poor pitching staff.

Wilbert Robinson was forced to use another line-up in the second game of the present series with the Giants. Ivy Olson sustained an injured hand, and sent High to third, Sam Crane to short and Jimmy Johnston covered second. They played together and well, but could not hold the Giants and their great teamwork regardless of what kind of work they did in the field and the pitching they received.

Cold weather is affecting both the financial side of baseball to-day and the players. The fans will not turn out in this cold weather and the pitching muscles of the players refuse to respond.

Fistic News BY JOHN POLLOCK AND GOSSIP

George Engel, manager of Harry Greb of Pittsburgh, to-day informed the writer that there is not a particle of truth in the story sent here from Buffalo to the effect that Greb has drawn the color line. "Greb has already fought colored fighters," said Engel, "and as he has never barred any fighter, either white or black, he will still go along meeting all comers, whether they be middleweights, light heavyweights or heavyweights. I am ready to sign up for Greb to battle Champion Johnny Wilson or Gene Tunney at any time. Engel has matched Greb to fight Al Roberts of Staten Island for ten rounds at the Armory A. C. of Boston on May 12.

Young Montreal of Providence, who made such a great hit with the fight fans of Philadelphia by decisively outpointing Joe Nelson of that city in an eight-round bout at the Joe Palace, "Philly" on Thursday night, received the nice sum of \$1250 for his end. Montreal has received many offers for fights.

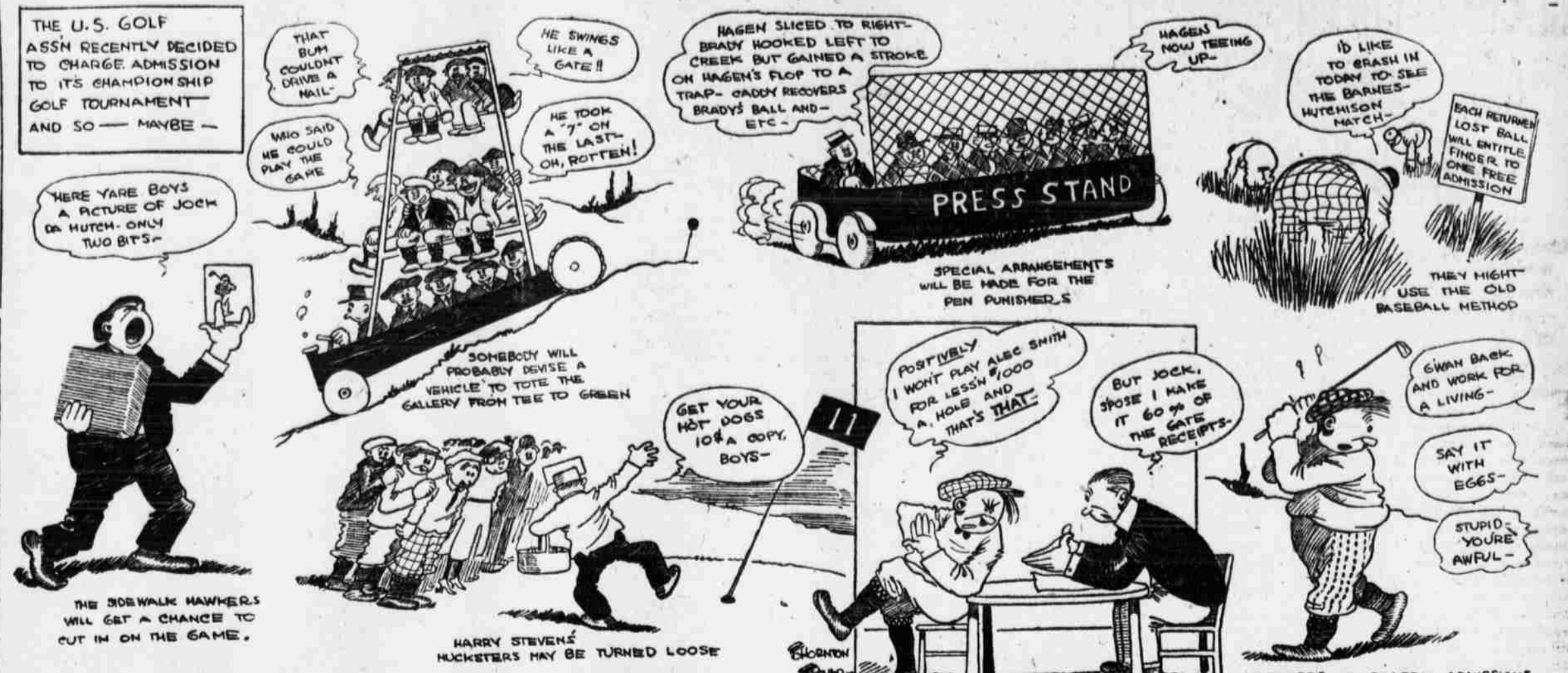
John Weinmann will stage a twelve-round bout between Charley Kohler and Johnny Solberg, and two six-round bouts between Mike Tagliente and Frankie Ford and Hermie Holtzman and Billy Mack at the show of the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Club of Brooklyn to-night.

Jimmy Rothwell, manager of Wildcat Nelson, who boxes Jimmy Kelly at the New Star Club Monday night, has been offered a match with Paul Doyle in Boston next week. Rothwell has accepted the club's terms.

Two feature bouts of twelve rounds between Sam Mossberg and Mickey Donley of Newark and Bert Spencer of Brooklyn and Jack Bernstein of Yonkers will be fought at the Rink Sporting Club of Brooklyn to-

THERE MAY BE NO TRUTH IN THIS

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Scandal Hits Basketball When Championship Team Raise "Rates" for Game

MacDowall Five Compelled to Default in Final Match With Brooklyn Dodgers for Metropolitan Title Because Manager Refuses to Pay Players \$40, Instead of Usual \$25 They Have Drawn Down All Season.

By Richard Freyer.

Commercialism has crept into basketball and threatens the future growth of the game that has just reached the crest of popularity.

And none but the players themselves are to blame.

A difference of \$15 for 40 minutes exercise demanded by members of the MacDowall Lyceum five has started a scandal that will be hard to live down.

"It was the only thing I could do," Mack, manager of the MacDowall team, to default to the Brooklyn Dodgers all chances his team had of winning the metropolitan basketball championship.

The two teams were tied for the league lead with twelve games won and eight lost. The championship was to be decided in a series, best two out of three games, and the opening match was scheduled for this Sunday night at Prospect Hall, Brooklyn.

Unsportsmanlike tactics on the part of five members of the MacDowall team caused McCormack to take the action he did.

"It was the only thing I could do," said McCormack to-day. "I have been paying my players \$35 for every home game and \$30 for every traveling game, and when I informed

them they would be paid on this basis for the championship series they refused to consider the offer.

"We argued pro and con for some time, and a few days ago the members of the team, with the exception of 'Stretch' Meehan, invited me to Yonkers, where they were playing. After the contest they got together and informed me they would not play in the final series unless they were guaranteed \$40 for each contest.

"Sooner than give in to the 'stick up' tactics I informed them I would default to the Dodgers. I called up Cody and Wilde to-day, informed them of my actions, and told them it would be impossible for MacDowall Lyceum to play for the title.

"The officials of the Metropolitan League have been notified of my actions and they will back me to the limit. In the near future drastic action will probably be taken on the five players who thought more of the money end of the game than they did of the game itself."

A short time after we had talked to McCormack we got in touch with Frank Gilfoin, secretary of the league. He informed us that the league officials were acquainted with the facts and would probably bar the five MacDowall players from further competition.

"Stretch" Meehan, one of the best centers in the business, is entitled to the highest praise by his action. Meehan refused to side in with the other players and his record is clear.

The final standing of the Metropolitan League follows:

Team	W.	L.	P.
Dodgers	12	8	619
MacDowall	12	8	571
Brooklyn	11	9	550
Visitation	9	11	450
Knight	7	13	450
Powers	7	13	350

The twenty leading point scorers were:

Bmyth	MacDowall	19	50	82	122
Elcinda	Brooklyn	16	28	78	120
Druggs	Brooklyn	18	43	61	127
Madame	Brooklyn	18	29	69	127
Norman	Dodgers	20	30	68	112
Rehmsiek	MacDowall	16	39	60	112
Caray	Knights	17	34	43	125
Eggerts	Knights	18	32	50	114
Cooney	Visitation	20	34	61	109
Wheeler	Brooklyn	16	36	54	109
Meehan	MacDowall	17	36	40	109
Trippes	Knights	19	30	40	100
N. Harvey	Brooklyn	20	21	30	85
Gulivan	MacDowall	17	24	38	87
Griggs	Dodgers	18	18	48	80
R. Powers	Dodgers	15	28	38	80
Artus	Visitation	14	21	34	81

BUFF-LYNCH BOUT IS CALLED OFF

Jersey Champion Sustains Abscessed Gland and 15-Round Bout Is Postponed.

Matchmaker Flourney announced this afternoon that the fifteen-round bout between Johnny Buff and Joe Lynch at the Garden May 15 had been indefinitely postponed. Lew Diamond, manager for Buff, notified the club officials that Johnny was suffering from an abscessed gland, and according to doctors it would be uncertain just when he would be able to resume fighting.

Buff has been compelled to call off other bouts recently because of physical ailments. He called off a bout in Philadelphia and brought along a squad of physicians to show the Quaker officials that his dislocated thumb was sufficient reason for postponement.

HOW THEY STAND

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

W. L. P.	W. L. P.
N. York.. 6 1 557	Phila'ia.. 3 3 500
Chicago.. 6 2 750	Boston... 2 4 333
Pittsb'gh. 4 3 571	Brooklyn. 2 5 286
St. Louis. 4 3 571	Cincinnati 1 7 125

GAMES YESTERDAY.

New York, 4; Brooklyn, 1.

Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 4.

St. Louis, 3; Cincinnati, 3.

St. Louis, 3; Cincinnati, 3 (snow).

GAMES TO-DAY.

New York at Brooklyn.

Philadelphia at Boston.

Cincinnati at Chicago.

St. Louis at Pittsburgh.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

W. L. P.	W. L. P.
N. York.. 6 2 750	St. Louis. 4 3 500
Cleveland. 6 2 750	Boston... 3 4 333
Phila'ia. 4 3 571	Wash'ton 2 6 250
Chicago.. 4 3 571	Detroit... 1 6 143

GAMES YESTERDAY.

New York, 1; Washington, 0.

Detroit, 15; Cleveland, 7.

Chicago, 10; St. Louis 5 (10 inn's).

Boston-Phila'ia (cold weather).

GAMES TO-DAY.

Washington at New York.

Boston at Philadelphia.

Cleveland at Detroit.

Chicago at St. Louis.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

W. L. P.	W. L. P.
Buffalo. 2 0 1500	Syracuse. 1 1 500
Baltimore. 1 0 1000	Toronto.. 1 1 500
J. City. 1 1 500	Rochester 0 1 000
Reading. 1 1 500	Newark.. 0 2 000

GAMES YESTERDAY.

Syracuse, 6; Jersey City, 3.

Buffalo